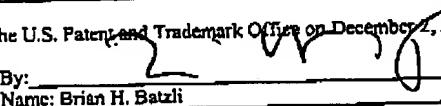


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Restriction Requirement dated October 2, 2003.

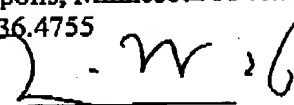
Applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 14-16 drawn to a method of cleaning disc drive components (classified in class 134, subclass 32). Applicants believe however, that claims 28 and 29 are linking claims which read on both the method and apparatus claims of Groups I and II. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions in regard to the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney below at (612) 336.4755.

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